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FROM: CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GERMANY

TO: USAMBASSADOR BONN GERMANY

INFO: USCINCEUR PARIS FRANCE, DA WASH DC

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References: A. State Dept msg sgd Herter to Bonn (1636).

B. AmEmb msg to State Dept NAIC 170. C. My SX 1477

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- 1. I consider that continuation of USMLM is a vital necessity. East Germany is the only area in the world where Western military observers can see Soviet military forces in training on a daily basis.
- 2. The GSFG is the primary, immediate threat to my command as well as to other NATO ground forces. USMLM, in coordination with other 2 military missions, collects 60% of all timely, useable military information on GSFG which is available to me. Through this effort I receive timely. information on the combat readiness, armament and equipment of GSFG and GDR military forces. This will be reduced by new restrictions, but they apply mainly to areas occupied by East German military forces.
- 3. Operations of USMLM are cordinated with and complement comint, elint, aerial photography, and Clandestine collection.
- 4. I believe protest to CINC GSFG would produce only a delay and no modification of restrictions. Therefore, I propose to transmit the following message to CINC GSFG. in coordination with British and French military commanders:

 "I note that certain changes have been made in the
 form and wording of the passes issued to the USMLM. I wish
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altered form by members of my military liaison mission does not constitute any change in my government's position respecting the so-called German Democratic Republic. I continue to look to you for fulfilment of the provisions of the Muebner-Malinim agreement of April 5, 1957.

5. An early reply from you would be deeply appreciated.

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